

USS RENTZ FFG-46



SOUTH PAC 2013-14







THE TWILIGHT CRUISE

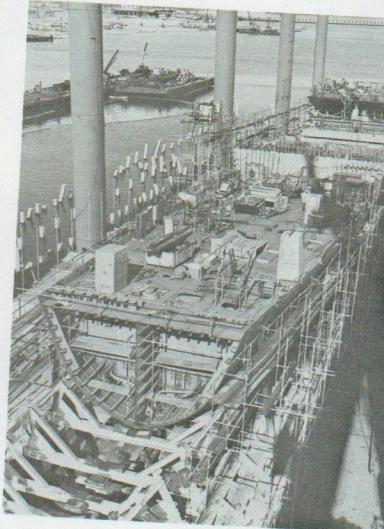


USS RENTZ (FFG 46) is the 40th Oliver Hazard Perry-class of guided missile frigates. The USS RENTZ was laid down on 18 September 1982 at Todd Pacific Shipyards in San Pedro, California. She was launched 16 July 1983 and commissioned at Naval Station Long Beach on 30 June 1984 with CDR Martin Jules Mayer as the CO.



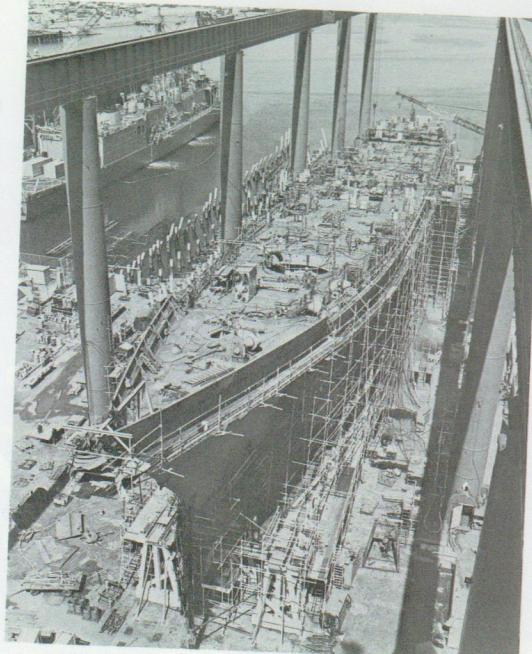
Keel laying

*"Lay square the blocks upon the slip,
And follow well this plan of mine.
Choose the timbers with greatest care;
Of all that is unsound beware;
For only what is sound and strong
To this vessel shall belong."*



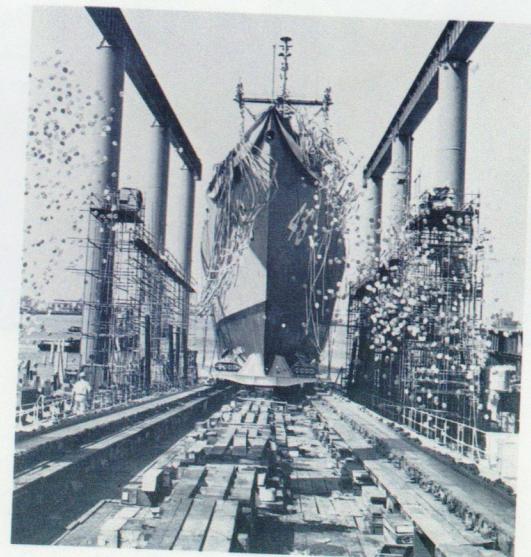
20% Progress

*"Day by day the vessel grew,
With timbers fashioned strong and true,
Stemson and keelson and sternson-knee,
Till, framed with perfect symmetry,
A skeleton ship rose up to view!"*



40% Progress

*And amid the clamors
Of clattering hammers,
He who listened heard now and then
The song of the Master and his men: —
"Build me straight,
O worthy Master,
Stanch and strong,
a goodly vessel,
That shall laugh
at all disaster,
And with wave and
whirlwind wrestle!"*



65% Progress — Launching

*"All is finished! and at length
Has come the bridal day
Of beauty and of strength.
Today the vessel shall be launched!"*

COAT OF ARMS — USS RENTZ (FFG-46)



BLAZON

Shield: Barry wavy azure and argent on a cross of the first a diminished cross argent.

Crest: From a wreath argent and azure behind two warheads saltirewise argent a demi-trident palewise or interlaced through the tines by a palm wreath reversed vert tied gules.

Motto: On a scroll or double azure the inscription "DREAD NOUGHT", in dark blue letters. Motto derived from traditional Royal Navy expression "Fear God and Dread Nought."

SYMBOLISM

Shield: The dark blue cross refers to the Navy Cross awarded to Commander Rentz, the heroic Chaplain of the heavy cruiser Houston, for his selfless bravery following the loss of that ship in the Battle of the Sunda Strait on 1 March 1942. The wavy blue and white bars symbolize water, the Navy's element, and allude to the manner in which Commander Rentz gave his life to save another. The silver cross denotes his service as a Chaplain. It forms the illusion of a strengthening bond epitomizing Commander George S. Rentz's actions and service aboard the USS Houston while under enemy attack.

Crest: The trident, a traditional naval symbol, supports a palm wreath, reversed to indicate the posthumous nature of Commander Rentz's award. The palms signify the eventual victory in the Pacific for which he gave his life. The warheads symbolize the attack that sunk the USS Houston as well as the strength and firepower of the new FFG 46 named in Commander Rentz's honor.

Motto: Dark blue and gold are the colors traditionally used by the Navy and symbolize the sea and excellence.

SEAL

The complete coat of arms in full color as in the blazon upon a white oval background enclosed by a dark blue border with an outer edge of gold rope inscribed "USS RENTZ" at top and "FFG 46" in base all in gold.



Engineman

Enginemen are responsible for maintaining various systems which provide life support to ship's personnel such as potable water, air-conditioning/refrigeration and diesel engines for electricity.



Electricians Mate

Electrician Mates are responsible for the operation, maintenance and repair of motors, generators and power and lighting distribution system by utilizing a wide variety of test equipment. Electricians also operate and maintain movies and motion picture equipment.



ENS David John Gale
Lebanon, New York



ENCS (SW) Eugene Idlett
Providence, Rhode Island



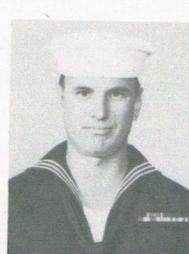
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Cavite, Philippines



EM1 Eddie R. Jordan
Charlottesville, Virginia



EM1 Reygie L. Malit
Baguio City, Philippines



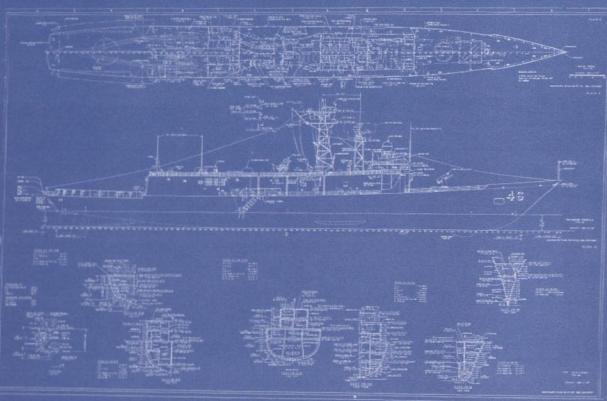
EN1 Delbert R. Carnagey
Shattuck, Oklahoma



EN2 Michael R. Hughes
Bakersfield, California

RENTZ HISTORY

FROM BLUEPRINT



In December 1985 USS RENTZ moved from Long Beach, California to San Diego. Following initial shakedown cruises and operations, it was assigned to the USS RANGER Battle Group.

In November 1986, USS RENTZ was part of an historic visit to Qingdao, the first US Naval visit to China since 1949.

In July 1987 FFG 46 deployed to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Earnest Will, and spent over three months escorting commercial tankers in the Gulf and through the Strait of Hormuz. After this deployment RENTZ had a regular pattern of deploying to the Arabian Gulf for a number of years.

In August 1991 the guided missile frigate had a port visit in Hong Kong.

In October 1991 RENTZ participated the Parade of Ships, part of San Diego's Accolades '91 celebration honoring local military units and installations.

In September 2003 USS RENTZ participated in a counter-narcotics operation and offloaded almost 14,000 pounds of cocaine at Naval Station Mayport. In December FFG 46 returned to Naval Station San Diego after a scheduled deployment in the South eastern Pacific in support of the war on drugs.

In June 2005 USS RENTZ arrived in Portland for a Fleet Week during the 97th annual Portland Rose Festival. Later in June RENTZ rescued ninety Ecuadorian citizens from a distressed vessel in the Eastern Pacific and dropped them off at Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala.

In June 2006 FFG 46 pulled to Portland, Oregon to participate in their Rose Festival's Fleet Week.

In May 2007 USS RENTZ returned to San Diego after completing a six-month deployment to the western Pacific Ocean and Philippine Sea. The guided-missile frigate supported the Global War on Terrorism, Operation Enduring Freedom - Philippines (OEF-P), and Operation Ultimatum while assigned to Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) 515. In July USS RENTZ arrived in the Port of Seattle for Seafair 2007 "Fleet Week" festivities.

In July 2009 USS RENTZ departed homeport as part of USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) CSG. In August the Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigate USS RENTZ (FFG 46) participated in the Undersea Warfare Exercise (USWEX 09). In October FFG 46 participated in joint training exercise Bright Star 2009, off the coast of Egypt. In November USS RENTZ responded to a stress call from Motor Vessel Adnan Wahd, which was taking on water while at sea in the Central Arabian Gulf.

In March 2010 USS RENTZ returned to Naval Base San Diego after an eight-month deployment. December 8, FFG 46 was off the coast of southern California as part of simulated opposition forces to USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) CSG Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX).

In May 2011 USS RENTZ departed San Diego for a scheduled deployment in support of counter-illicit trafficking in the U.S. Southern Command AoO. In September USS RENTZ pulled into Puntarenas, Costa Rica, for a port call to deliver five Costa Ricans and one Nicaraguan. In November 21, USS RENTZ returned to homeport after six-and-a-half month deployment.

In July 2013 USS Rentz departed San Diego for its final deployment. This book chronicles that twilight cruise...

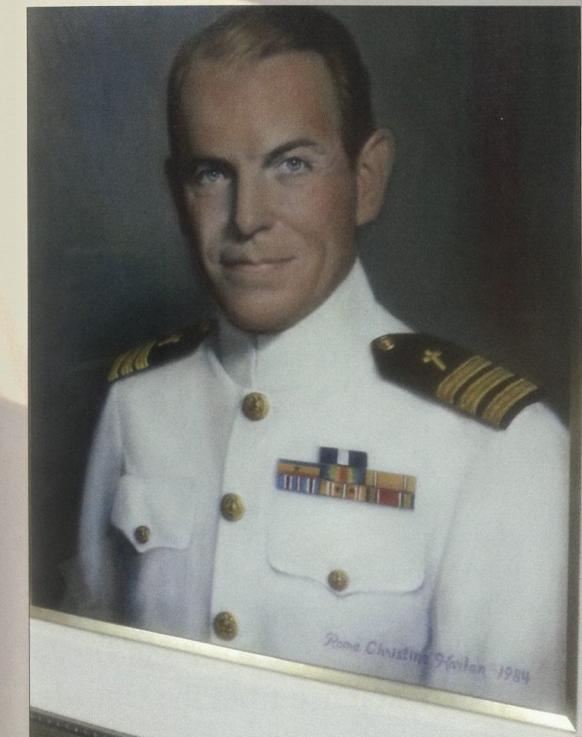
Chaplain Rentz Biography

CDR George Snavely Rentz, USN

Chaplain Rentz, in the wreckage of the USS HOUSTON, removed his jacket handed it to a seaman and said a quick prayer and swam away from the group. This selfless act of heroism resulted in him being the only Navy chaplain to be awarded the Navy Cross.

George Snavely Rentz was born on July 25, 1882 in Lebanon Pennsylvania. He attended and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Following his ordination by Presbytery of Northumberland in 1909, he preached to churches across Pennsylvania and New Jersey for eight years. He was appointed acting chaplain with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade and assigned to the 11th regiment of Marines in France shortly following entry of the United States into World War I. He attained the rank of Commander in 1924; among his sea duty assignments he served onboard USS FLORIDA (BB-30), USS WRIGHT (AV-1), USS WEST VIRGINIA (BB-48), and USS AUGUSTA (CA-31). In 1940, when the USS HOUSTON (CA-30) relieved AUGUSTA as flagship of the Asiatic fleet extended his tour in the region as ships company on the USS HOUSTON. It was aboard this cruiser he served so devotedly and enthusiastically, providing the ship's crew and officers with great hope and promise.



During an allied attack on February 4, 1942, HOUSTON was under severe air attack. Commander Rentz spurned cover and circulated among the crew of the anti-aircraft battery, encouraging them. One officer noted, "when the sailors saw this man of god walking fearlessly among them, they no longer felt alone." HOUSTON took a direct hit during the attack that disabled turret III and killed 48 men. A month later, HOUSTON engaged in the battle of Java Sea alongside the Australian light cruiser HMAS PERTH. Both ships were outnumbered by a

Japanese troop convoy but they persisted in the ensuing melee of fire. HOUSTON fought valiantly through out the violent meeting but eventually succumbed to a barrage of torpedo fire and began to sink into The Pacific. The crew clung to floating wreckage as they were forced to abandon the ship. Chaplain Rentz along and others found themselves on a pontoon that was fast taking on water. Chaplain Rentz made several attempts to give up his life jacket to the young sailors on the wreckage. Having felt he had lived his life to the fullest and according to God's will, he removed his jacket handed it to a seaman and said a quick prayer and swam away from the group on the pontoon on the morning of March 1, 1942. This selfless act of heroism resulted in Chaplain Rentz being the only Navy chaplain to be awarded the Navy Cross, the United States Navy's second highest award for valor.

Commanding Officer's Biography



Commander Lantier is a native of Lafayette, Louisiana. He began his career by enlisting in the United States Navy in 1989 under the Delayed Entry Program, graduating from the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) program in San Diego in 1991. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from the United States Naval Academy in 1995.

His operational tours include Main Propulsion and Auxiliaries Officer in USS PORTLAND (LSD 37), Auxiliaries Officer in USS KLAKRING (FFG 42), Chief Engineer in USS MILIUS (DDG 69), Materiel Officer (N4) on the Destroyer Squadron TWO THREE Staff, and the XO in USS RENTZ (FFG 46).

He graduated Naval Postgraduate School in 2001 with a Master of Science degree in Systems Integration and completed his Joint Service education at the Joint Forces Staff College.

Assignments ashore have included a tour as a Sea Strike Analyst for the Assessments Division, Chief of Naval Operations (N81), and a tour as Education Officer and Experimentation Officer for the Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate, Quantico, VA.

His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards) and the Naval Achievement Medal (two awards).

Executive Officer's Biography



CDR Martin Robertson, originally from Erie, Pennsylvania, began his naval career in Dec 1988 when he enlisted as an Interior Communications Electrician. His enlisted tours: USS WAINWRIGHT (CG 28), USS NICHOLAS (FFG 47), and Surface Combat Systems Center.

Selected for commissioning via the Seaman to Admiral Program, he graduated Officer Candidate School in 1998. Upon completion of follow on training, he completed Division Officer tours as Assistant CIC and Strike Warfare Officer in USS NORMANDY (CG 60) and Chief Engineer in USS PIONEER (MCM 9).

CDR Robertson then returned to shore duty at NROTC Unit Hampton Roads, where he completed a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Old Dominion University, graduating Summa Cum Laude, and received a diploma from the Air Command and Staff College for Joint Professional Military Education Phase I. Upon completion of Department Head School, he was assigned duties as Chief Engineer in USS ROSS (DDG 71), and was then assigned to the Forward Deployed Naval Forces as Chief Engineer in USS COWPENS (CG 63) home ported in Yokosuka, Japan.

Following his department head tours, CDR Robertson completed assignments ashore as an Action Officer at Allied Joint Forces Command Naples and as Fleet Watch Officer and Battle Watch Captain at U.S. Fleet Forces Command and U.S. Second Fleet. During this time, he completed a Master in Military Studies through the American Military University.

His personal awards include: the Joint Commendation Medal, five Navy Commendation Medals, four Navy Achievement Medals, two Good Conduct Medals, the Wall Street Journal Award for Excellence in Business, Top Snipe and Distinguished Graduate Awards from Surface Warfare Officer School Command, and various unit and campaign awards.

Command Master Chief's Biograph



Master Chief Petty Officer Williams is a native of Birmingham, AL. He graduated from John Herbert Phillips High School in 1993 and enlisted in the United States Navy December 1994. Following Basic Training in Great Lakes, IL, he attended JOB Strand IV in Millington, TN, then Electronic Warfare "A" School in Pensacola, FL.

Upon graduation from EW "A" School, he reported for duty to the USS OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (FFG 7) in Mayport, FL in December 1995. While stationed there he completed a Great Lakes Cruise and decommissioned her February 1997. He then transferred to the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) completing one Mediterranean Sea deployment; an Arabian Gulf deployment and earned his Enlisted

Surface Warfare Specialist and Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist designations. Ashore, Master Chief Williams was stationed at NTTC Corry Station Pensacola, FL from August 2000 to May 2003. He served as an Instructor for EW'A" School and also was the first EW to teach Entry Level ELINT CTT "A" school helping with the facilitation of EW/CTT merger and qualifying as a Master Training Specialist.

In May 2003 he returned to sea and was assigned to USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19) where he was the acting LCPO for OT division. During his tour he was selected as Sailor of the Year in 2004. He also was advanced to the rank of Chief Petty Officer in September 2005.

In March 2006, he reported to Center for Information Dominance Learning Site, Yokosuka, Japan where he served as Chief Petty Officer in-charge. He also served as Afloat Assessor for ATGWESTPAC earning his Afloat Training Specialist.

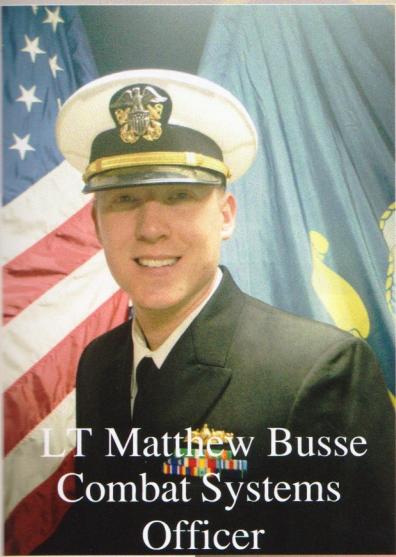
In June of 2009, he was advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer and reported to the USS O'KANE (DDG 77) were he assumed the duties as the Leading Cryptologic Technical Technician and Operations Department Leading Chief Petty Officer. Additionally he served as the Senior Enlisted Leader from May to July 2011.

In January of 2013, he reported aboard the USS RENTZ as the Command Senior Chief. In May 2013 he was advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer.

Master Chief Williams is a graduate of Navy Senior Enlisted Academy class 170, Command leadership course class 070; he also has a Bachelors of Science, Degree in Liberal Arts and Associate of Science, Degree in Applied Science from Excelsior College.

His personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards), and various unit and campaign awards.

Department Heads



LT Matthew Busse
Combat Systems
Officer



LT Justin Colson
Operations Officer

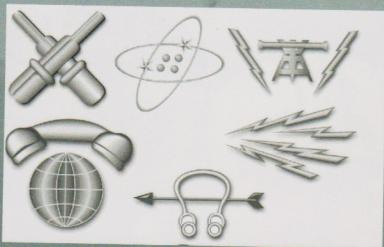


LT Christopher Sievers
Chief Engineer

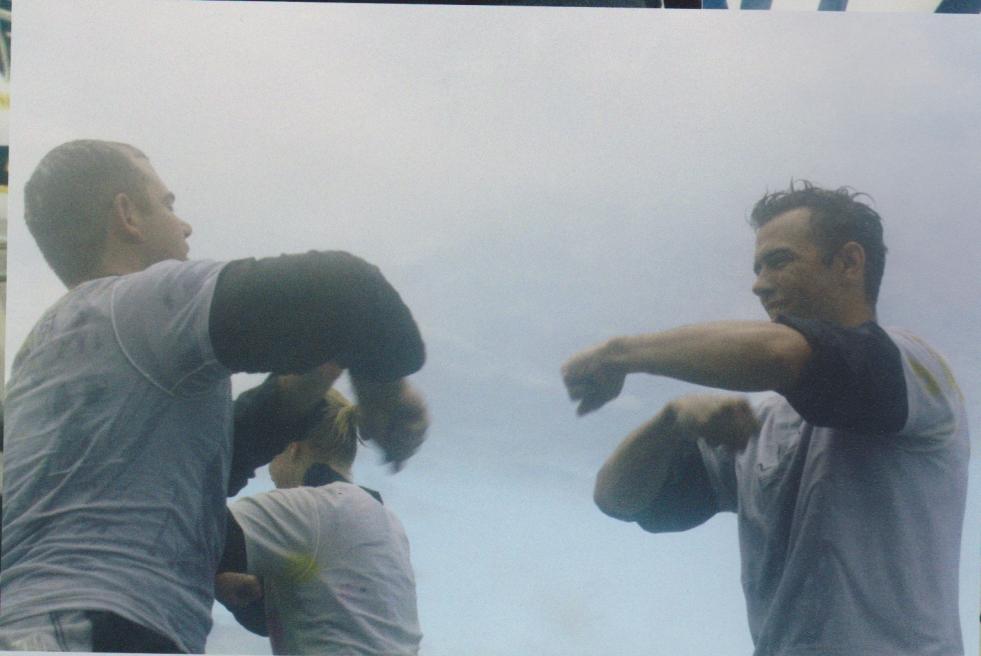


LT Stephen Mannila
Supply Officer

COMBAT



Combat Systems is responsible for the combat readiness of the ship. Whether in charge of guns or sensors the men of Combat Systems are always on the alert and battle ready.



SYSTEMS



CA DIVISION



"Re-verify range to target... One ping only."



LTJG
Hundley
ASWO



STG2(SW)
Geotz



STGCS(SW)
Hines



STG2(SW)
McCool



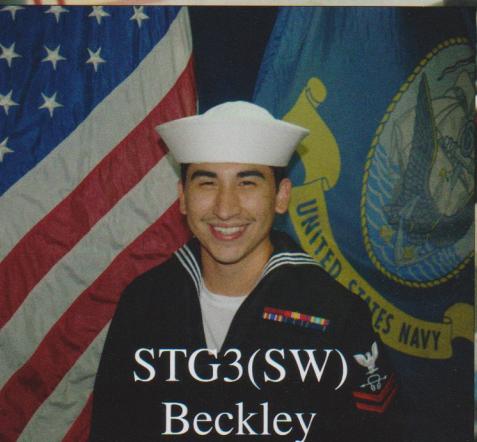
STG2(SW)
Culver



STG2(SW)
Benitezrugama



STG2(SW)
Callahan



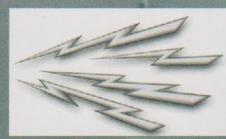
STG3(SW)
Beckley



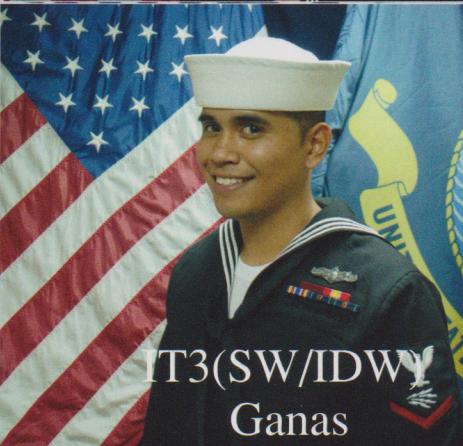
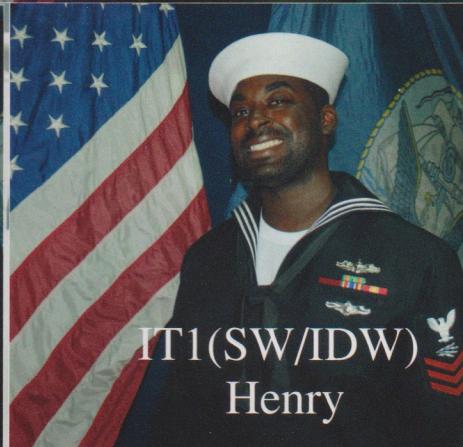
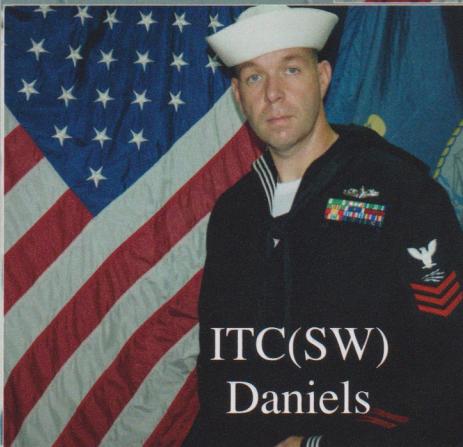
STG3(SW)
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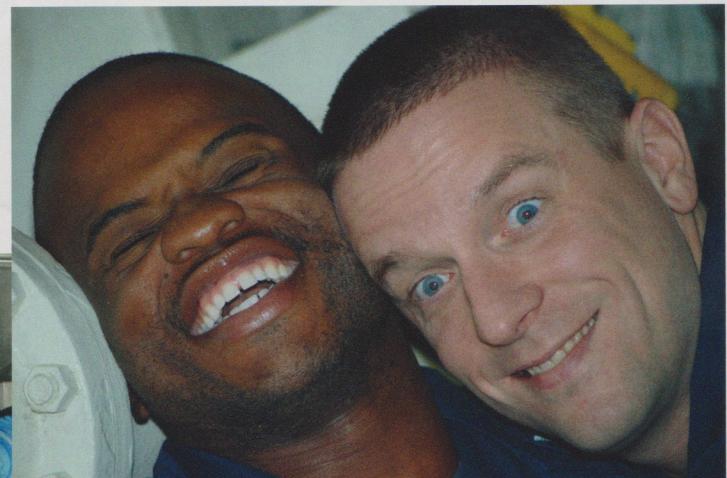


CC DIVISION

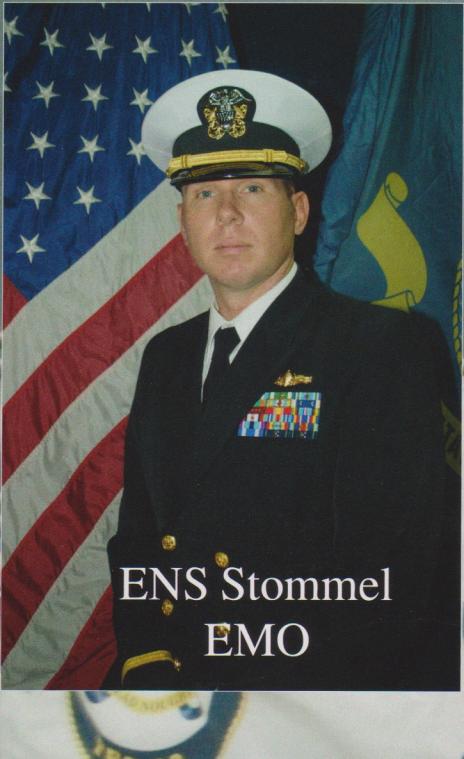


"Oh... mah...
GAWD."

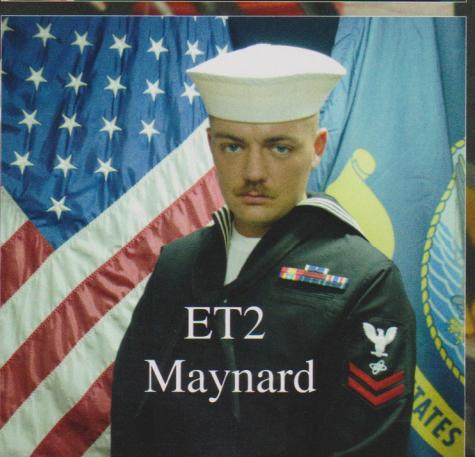
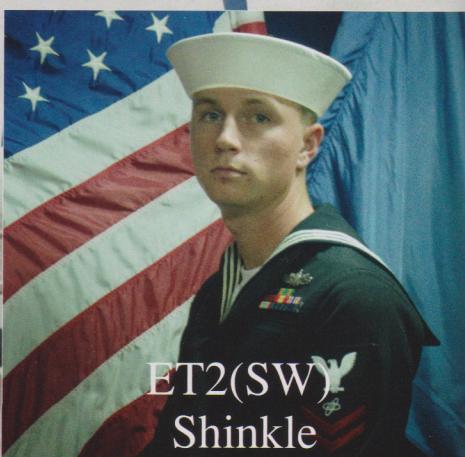
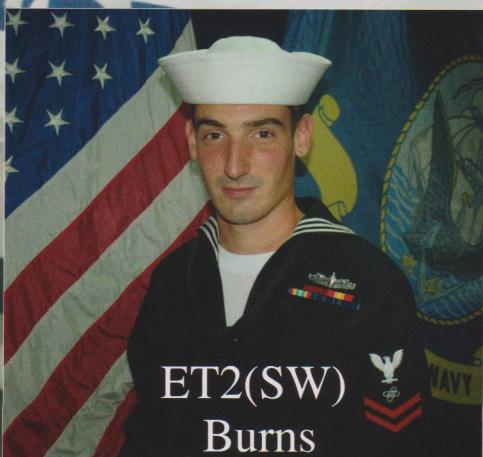
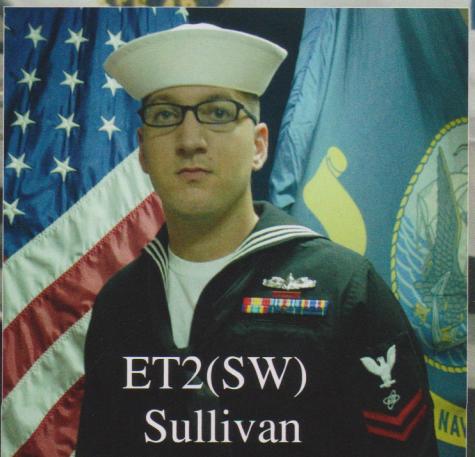


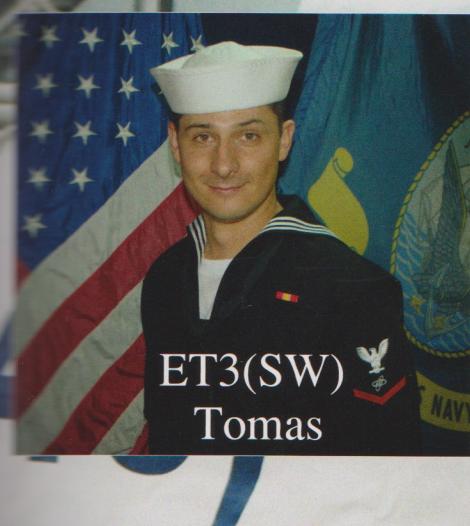
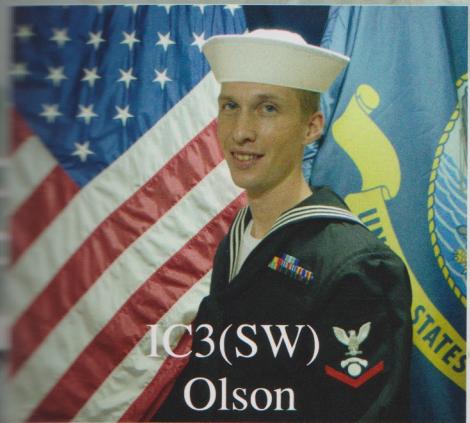


CE DIVISION



"Can't
catch what
you can't
see..."

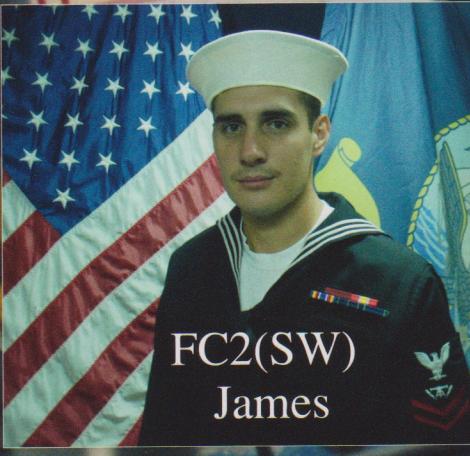
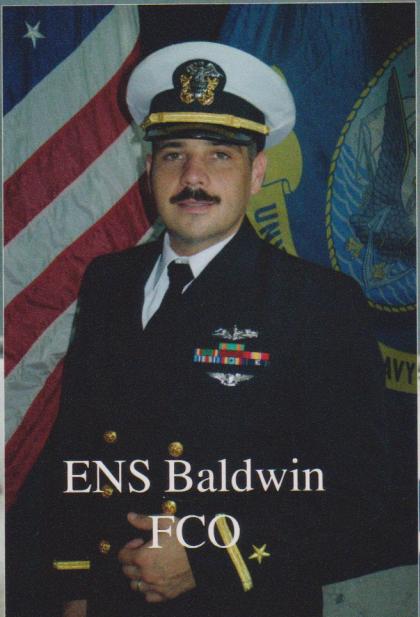


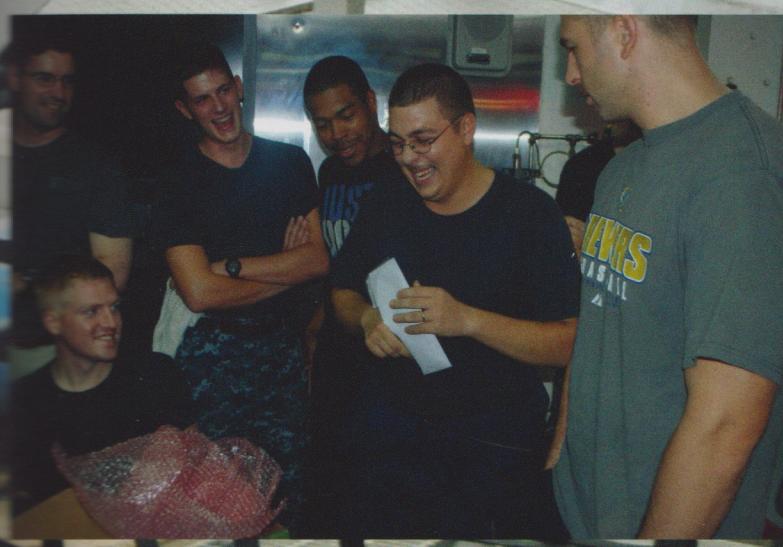


CF DIVISION



"Warheads on
Foreheads"



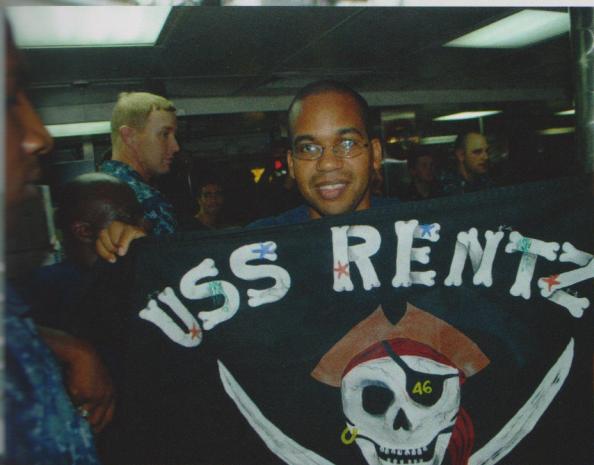


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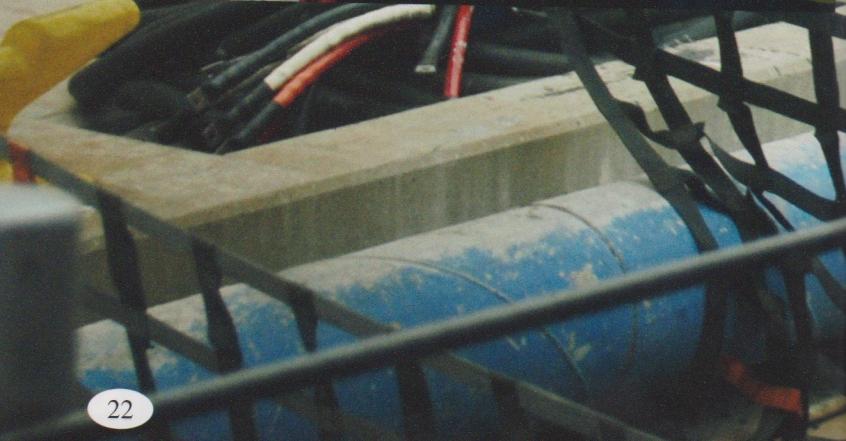
"I recommend
putting more
holes in it."





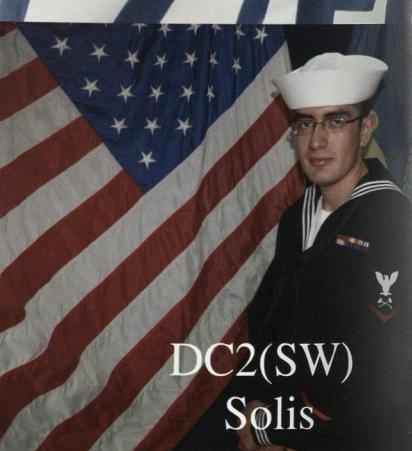
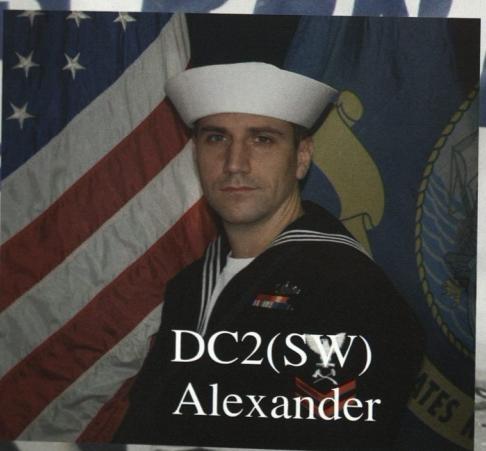
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

A Ship cannot do its mission without the intrepid and stalwart engineers. Their devotion and dedication were directly responsible for keeping a 30-year old ship mission capable whether it be propulsion, power, or purifiers.



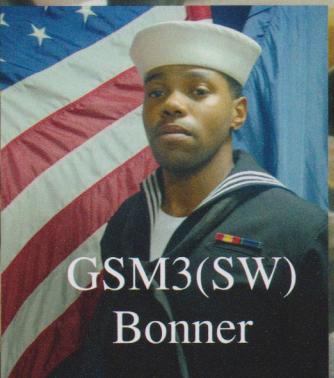
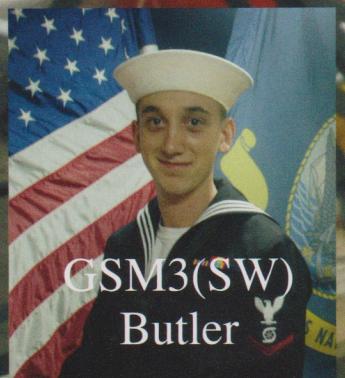
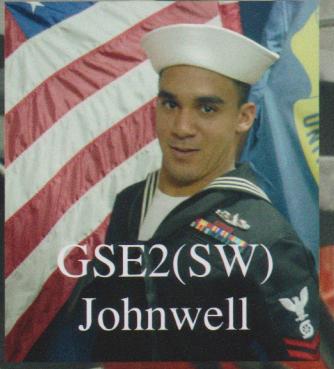


SEER DIVISION



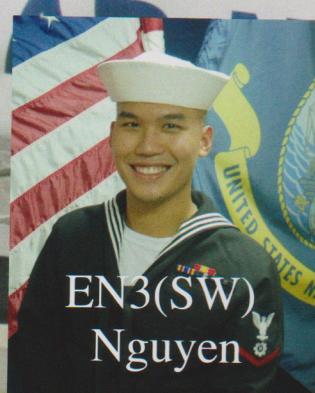


MAIN PROPULSION DIVISION



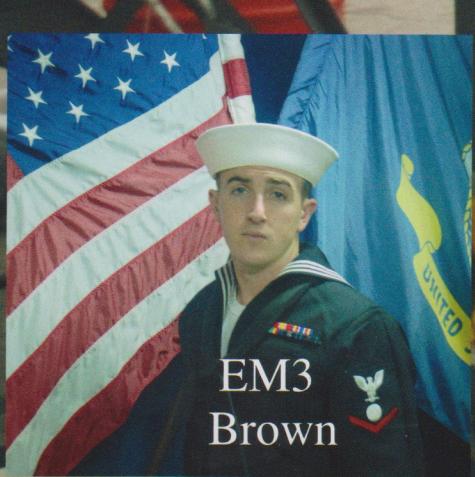


EA DIVISION





EE DIVISION





OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT



Operations makes it all happen. They make sure that the ship stays on course, stays looking good and gets those much needed port visits!



NN DIVISION

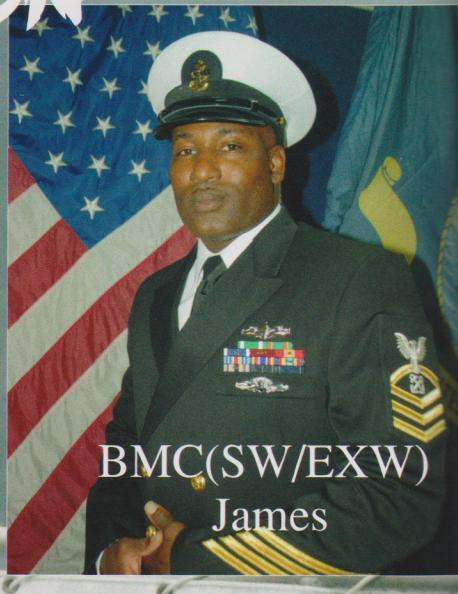
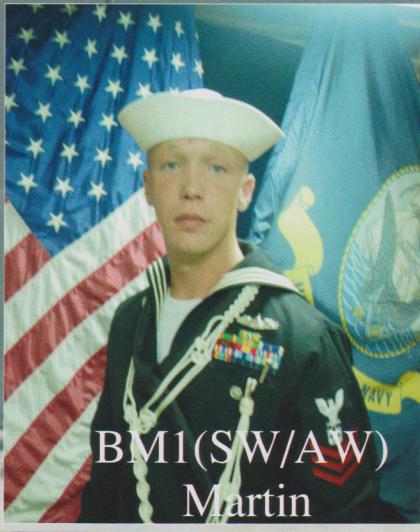


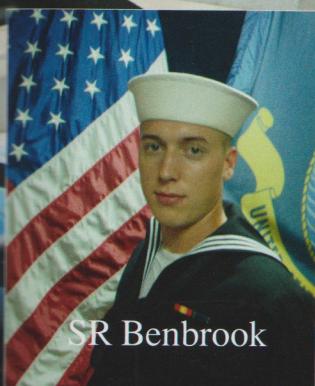
"All I need is a
ship and a star
to sail her by..."





OD DIVISION



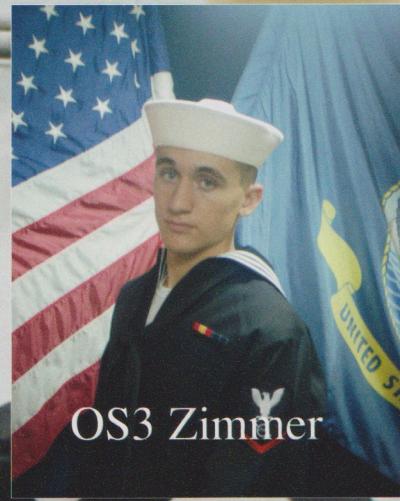


OI DIVISION



"Message for you,
sah!"





OT DIVISION

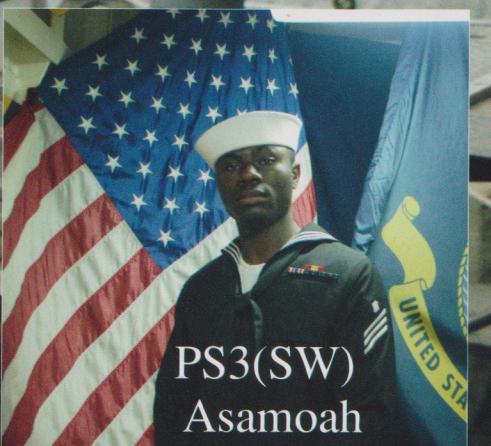
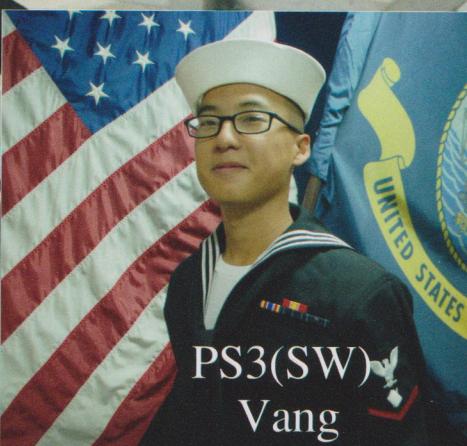
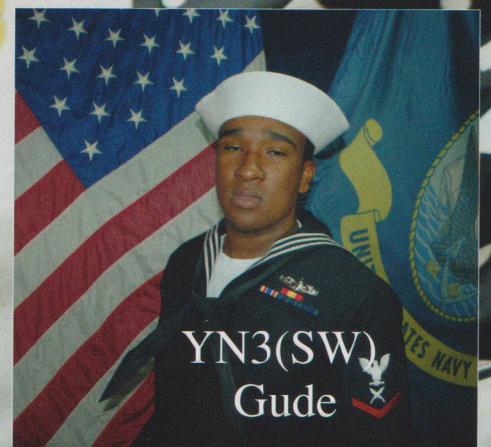
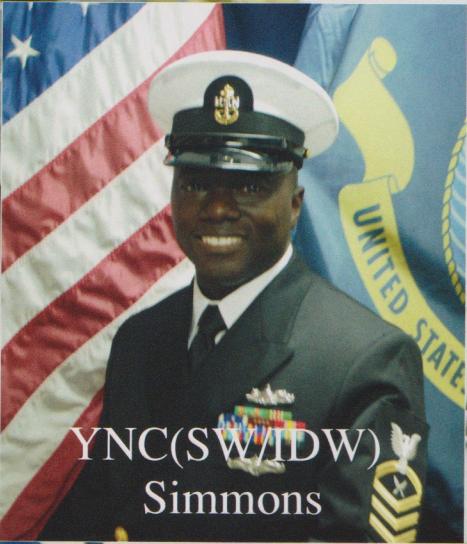


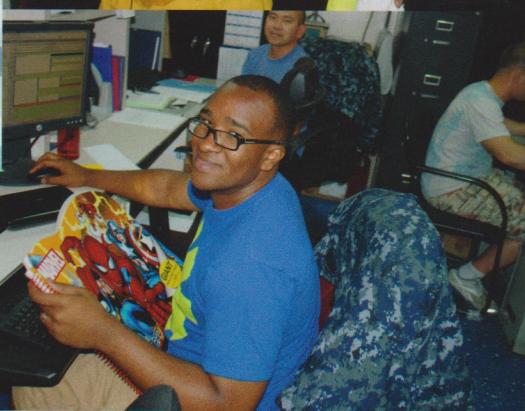


EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



ADMINISTRATION







SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

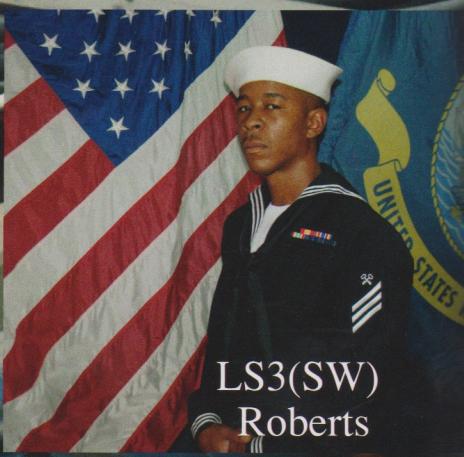
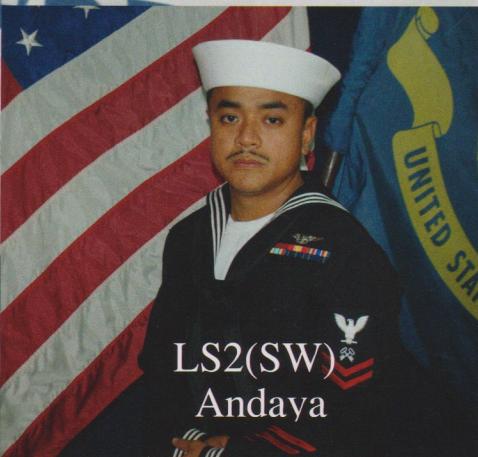
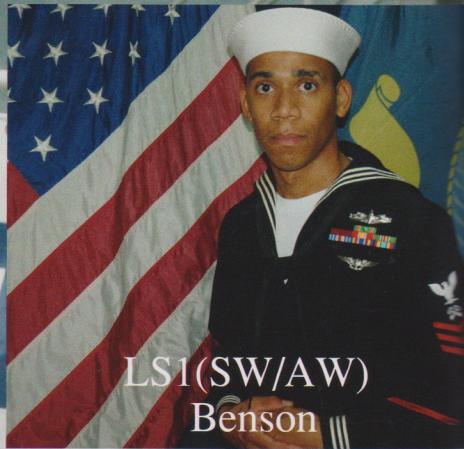


A 30-year old ship needs quite a lot of parts and 200+ sailors need a lot of food. Supply Department is in charge of keeping the ship and the crew in working condition whether it be through equipment, food or morale.





S-1 DIVISION

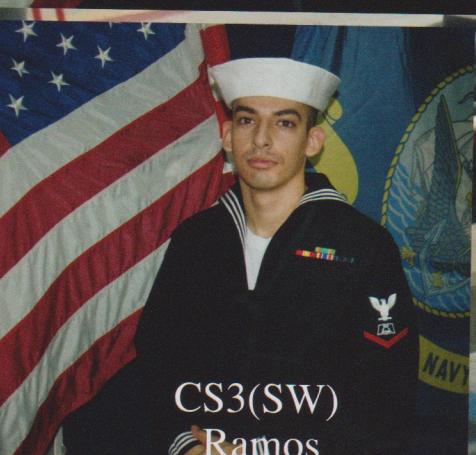
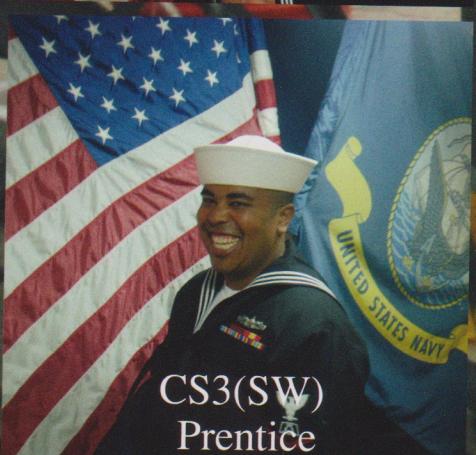


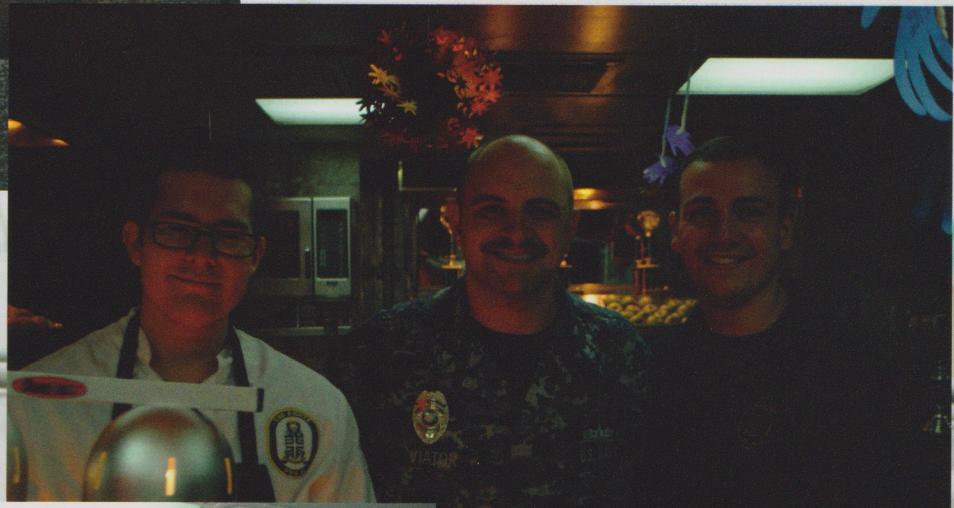


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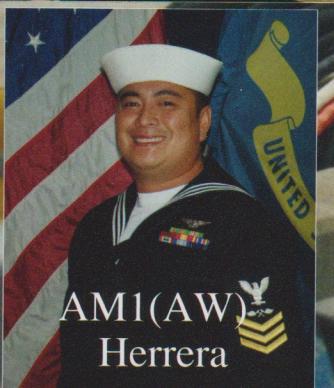
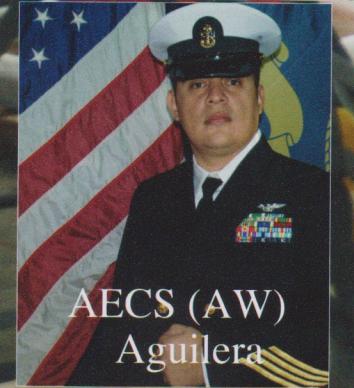
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HSL-49 DET 5
"THE WRECKERS"





AO1(AW)
Joseph Miller



AT2(SW)
Katriss



AE2(AW)
Hare



AWR2(NAC/AW)
Kopke



AT2(AW)
Wilke



AD3(AW)
Bonamico



AE3(AW)
Prescott



AM3 Gribas



AWR3(NAC)
Van Hese



AZ2 Haines



AWR3(NAC)
Unbehagen



EAN Vazquez



AM3(AW)
Cancel



ATAN Hendrickson

DEPLOYMENT DAY





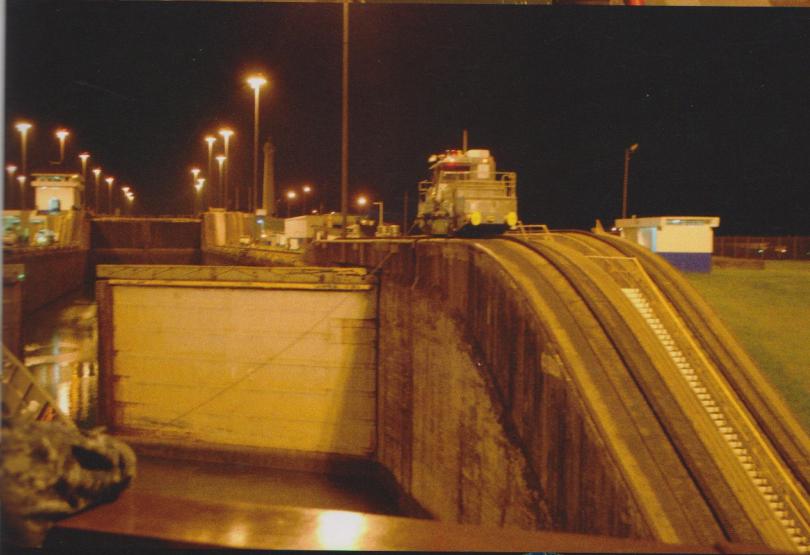
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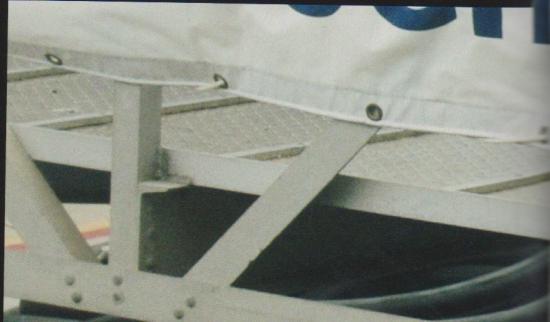








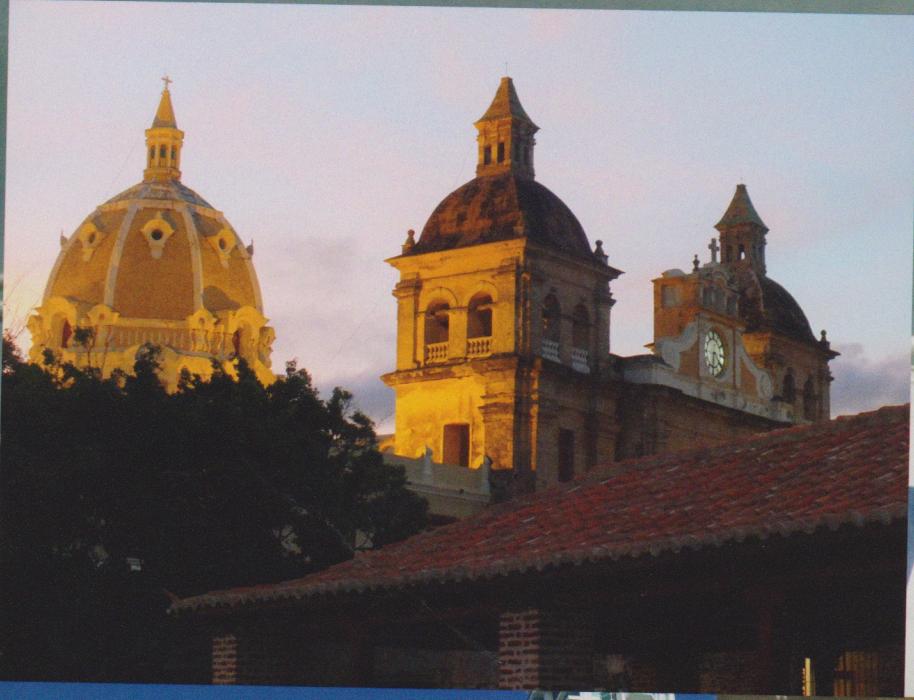
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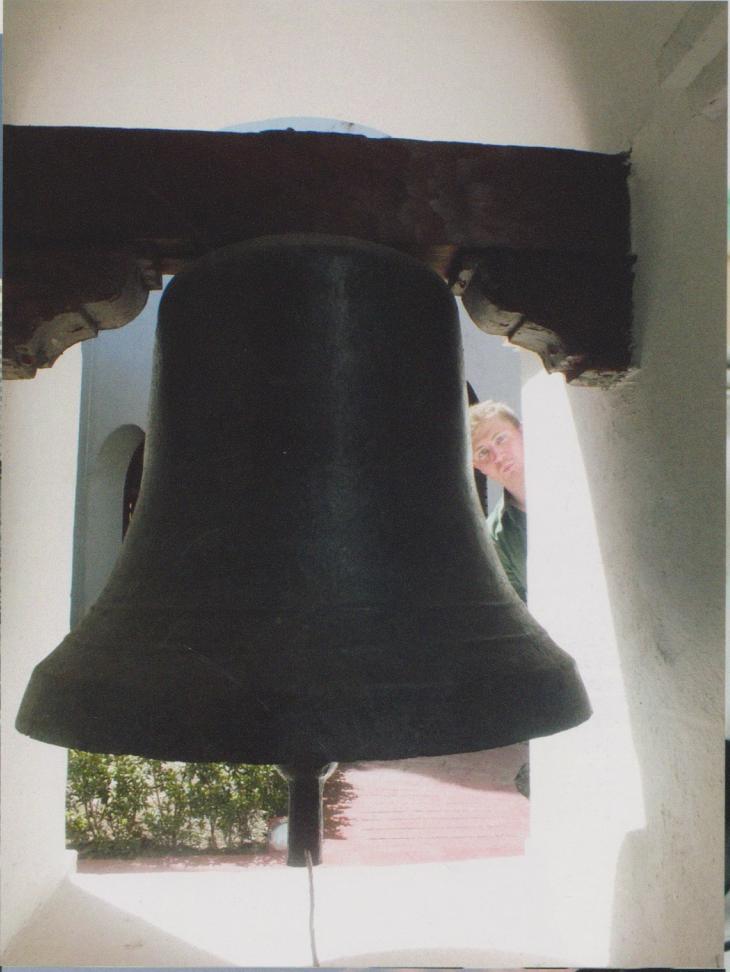


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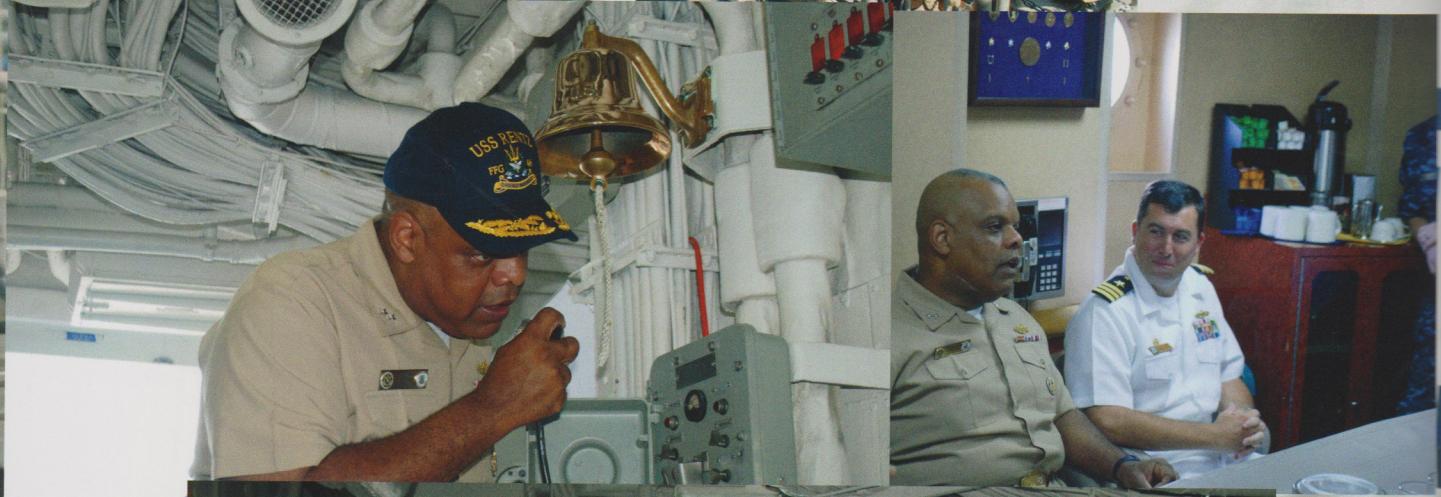


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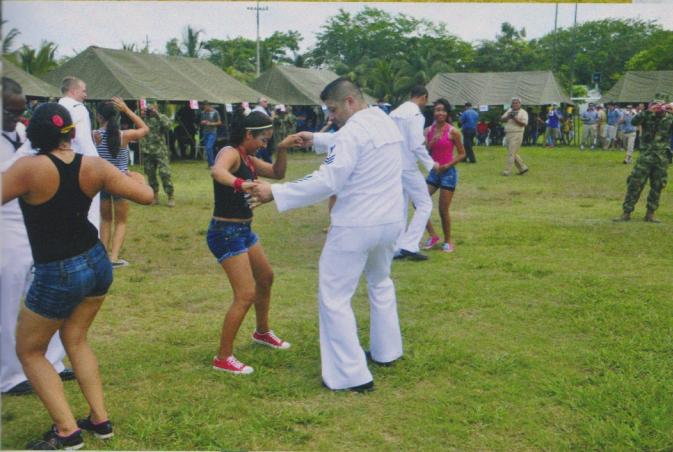




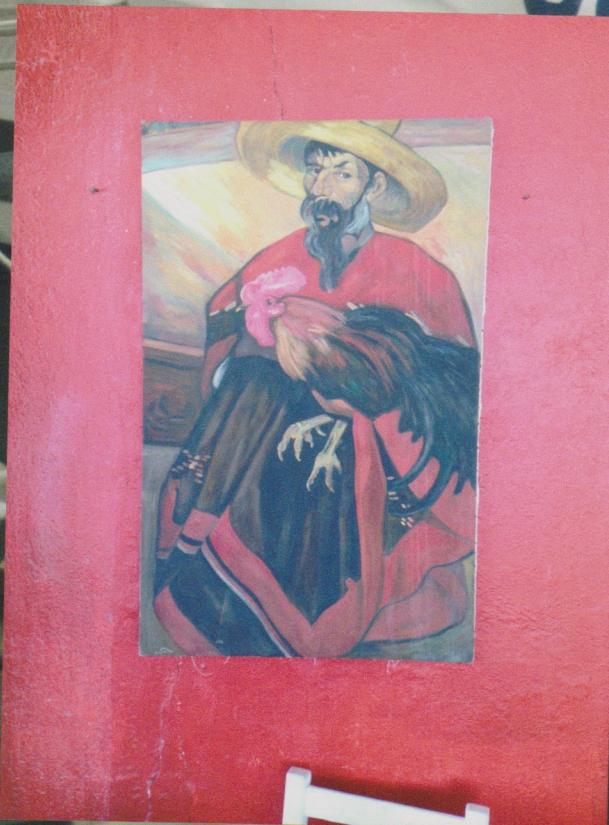
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USA VS PANAMA



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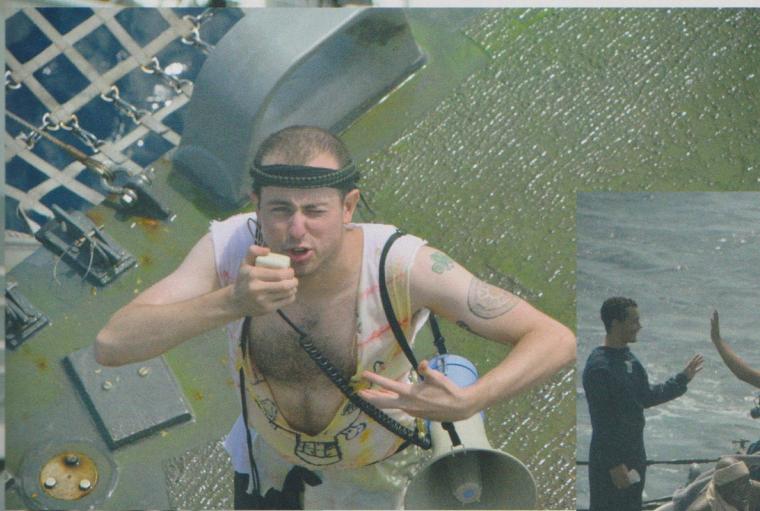
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CROSSING THE LINE





STEEL BEACH





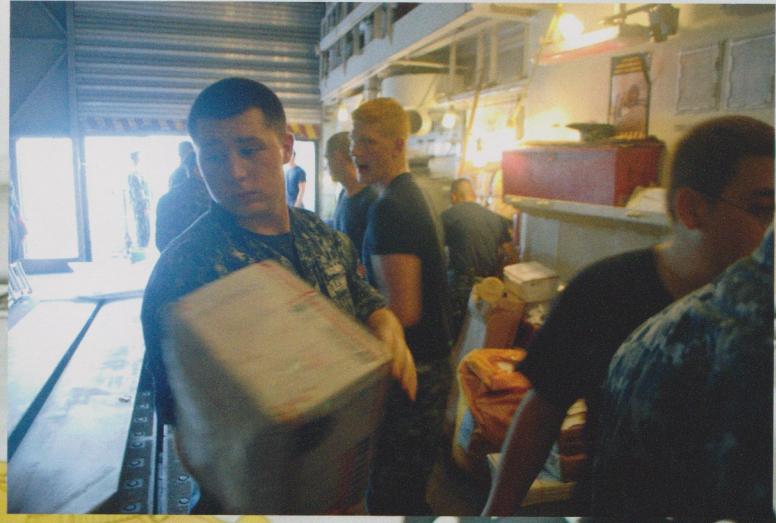
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FROCKING CEREMONY





NAVY BIRTHDAY





COMMUNITY RELATIONS





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PS 1(SW) CORTES RETIREMENT





HOMECOMING





DRUG BUSTS (MEASURED IN KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE)

CAPITAN ERSON
-963kgs

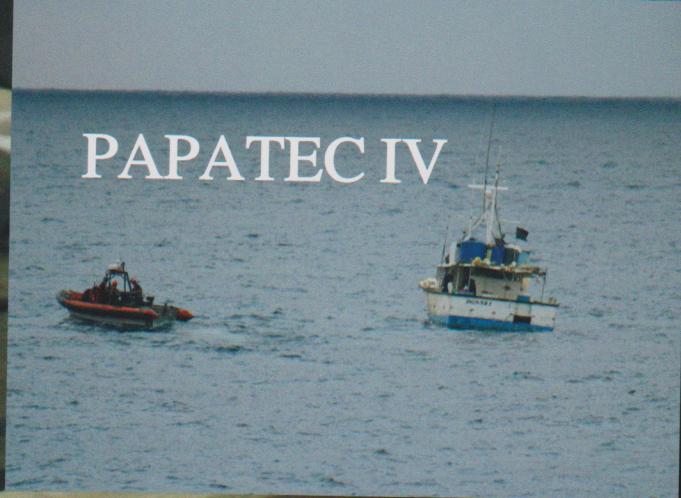


MIGUEL ANGEL



507kgs

PAPATEC IV



470kgs

GLADYS VIOLETA



316kgs



TOTAL DRUGS
INTERDICTED:
2500kgs

UNNAMED GO FAST
242kgs

DISRUPTIONS

(Cases with drugs but no interdiction)

CASE 1782SUR13-10OCT-1000kgs

CASE 0005SUR14-06JAN - 450kgs

CASE 0006SUR14-18JAN - 500kgs

CASE 0135SUR14-29JAN - 550kgs

TOTAL DISRUPTIONS:

2500kgs

TOTAL COCAINE OFF THE STREETS:
4998kgs valued at 116 Million Dollars

DEPLOYMENT FACTS

Days of Deployment: 219

Total Equipment Casualties :95

Total Messages Sent: 457

Average Casualties Per Day: 0.4

Messages Sent Per Day: 2.1

CAT 2 Casualties: 64

CAT 3 Casualties: 28

CAT 4 Casualties: 3

Casualties By Month

JUL: 3

AUG: 8

SEP: 27

OCT: 13

NOV: 11

DEC: 17

JAN: 13

FEB: 3

Meals Consumed: 192,720

Gallons of Fuel Used: 1,752,384 Gallons of MGO
102,657 Gallons of JP-5

Rounds of Ammo Shot: 36,226

Plans of the Day Promulgated: 219

Movies Broadcast: 2409

841 Pitch Perfect Viewings

Total Ports Visited (Including Brief Stops): 12

Total Surface Warfare Officer Qualifications: 9

Total Enlisted Surface Warfare Qualifications: 83

Red Bull and Monsters Consumed: 10,800 cans
average a day 49.3



CO'S SAVED ROUNDS



There is not enough space to state how incredibly this crew performed under the most arduous of circumstances. To put it succinctly, our RENTZ Sailors always found a way to succeed no matter what casualty or circumstance presented itself. I am humbled by their ability to accomplish the nation's tasking no matter what. Throughout this deployment, RENTZ never had it easy, but the adopted motto of "We are FOURTH Fleet" became our battle cry as RENTZ was the only U.S. Navy ship in theater. I could not be prouder of these fine men and women, and, as we prepare RENTZ for decommissioning, I can only say that every RENTZ Sailor has continued to set the standard of excellence that we have become known for.

Very respectfully,
Lance C. Lantier
CDR USN
18th and Final Commanding Officer
USS RENTZ (FFG 46)
"DREAD NOUGHT!"

TO BLUE WATER



*"And see! she stirs!
She starts — she moves — she seems to feel
The thrill of life along her keel,
And, spurning with her foot the ground,
With one exulting, joyous bound
She leaps into the ocean's arms!"*

LONGFELLOW

SPECIAL THANKS

Special Thanks goes out to the cruise book committee and their hard and stalwart work while creating this, the last cruise book for the USS RENTZ, the CO and XO for their support and interest on progress of the cruise book, and everyone who helped to support the development. Without their help, this product would not exist.

And so the last page closes on the 30-year career of the USS RENTZ. In the 33-months I've been onboard I can honestly say that I have never been more challenged during nor more rewarded after the time I have spent with the men and women onboard the USS RENTZ. I will never forget their dedication, devotion, and ability to overcome. I could not have more pride nor be humbled more to be a part of the history of this ship and part of the crew that manned her. Fair winds and following seas to all of you and just remember when the going gets tough...

DREADNOUGHT!!!



-LTJG Christian
Hundley

Cruise Book
Coordinator







